Reinhard Schuetze was born in Germany in 1860. Schuetze trained at the Potsdam’s Royal Gardens and the Eberswalde Forestry Academy, Schuetze came to America in 1889 with a comprehensive knowledge of garden design and engineering. He was hired to design and implement a plan for Denver’s new Fairmount Cemetery. The result was a well-ordered and extensively engineered landscape inspired by his knowledge of European formal and picturesque prototypes.

Schuetze worked and lived at Fairmount until 1894, when the City of Denver hired him to develop the Denver parks system, including Washington and Cheesman Parks. He was also commissioned in 1895 to design the Colorado State Capitol grounds and the zoological garden. In this role, he was responsible for the design and development of Denver’s exemplary park and parkway system alongside Charles Mulford Robinson and George Kessler.

His civic work inspired residents to hire him to improve their private landscapes, projects on which he occasionally collaborated with architect William Lang. Although no private gardens survive, a collection of his elegant drawings are held by the Denver Public Library.

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